

**THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 8 MARCH 2021
COMMENCING AT 17h30 BY SKYPE TELECONFERENCE**

Item	Sub-Item	Sub-Item	MINUTES
1			<p>Notice of the Meeting. The Notice convening this Special Meeting, officially given on 8 February 2021, was read and accepted.</p>
2			<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Attendance: Clr JM Hubbard (Chairman of the Federal Council) - JH Clr BG Robinson (Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – DOGSPC) – GR Clr N du Preez (Chairman – NAPC) - NdP Clr CM Immelman (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CI Clr RB Jenkins (Chairman – Exco) - BJ Clr RD Jukes (Chairman - FS&NCPC) - RJ Clr G Morison (Chairman – KZNPC) - GM Clr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) – DS Clr L Thornhill (Chairman – WCPC) – LT</p> <p>Staff in Attendance: Mrs P Midgley (General Manager) – PM Mr K Farmer (Office Manager / Secretary) – KF</p> <p>Apologies: None. Full attendance.</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all.</p>
3			<p>Matters to be discussed</p> <p>Confirmation that, in terms of Article 16.1, upon requisition by three (3) Provincial Council Chairmen members of the Federal Council, namely GM, RJ and GR, this Special Meeting of the Federal Council was convened to consider the Items set forth in the Agenda below.</p>
	3.1		<p>Dispensation for affected Disciplines Judges due to COVID-19</p> <p>Two examples of applicable Regulations: Schedule 5A (Obedience), Regulation 1.7.3 - Inactive Judge <i>A judge, whether learner or licensed, who has not carried out a judging appointment for a period of three (3) years or more and wishes to resume judging must pass a written examination on Schedule 5A Regulations. This examination shall be set and the papers marked by the Provincial Council. The judge may not accept an obedience judging appointment until they have passed this examination. The pass mark shall be as determined from time to time by the National Obedience Sub-Committee. KUSA shall be so informed and they in turn shall inform the judge in writing (copied to the Provincial Council) that they have passed the test and may now accept judging appointments up to the highest level that he was previously entitled to judge.</i></p> <p>Schedule 5M (Flyball), Regulation 8.1.11 - Qualifications of Judges and Officials <i>In the event of a judge not judging for a period of two (2) calendar years or more such a judge may not judge a Championship show but shall first judge a Non-Championship show.</i></p> <p>Problem to be solved: The Convener of the National Obedience Sub-Committee, Mr Rex Koning, has, on behalf of the Provincial Obedience Sub-Committees, requested that dispensation be granted to</p>

		<p>Judges who had been unable to meet the requirements of the Regulations due to the closure of Shows and Events under the COVID-19 lockdowns. Through no fault of their own, their judging status had come under threat from the current Regulations.</p> <p>Other Disciplines Judges were finding themselves in the same position and would, no doubt, be seeking similar relief in due course.</p> <p>Proposal: It was proposed that, due to the effects of COVID-19 on judging opportunities for Disciplines Judges, a waiver be authorised, until further notice, of any Regulation imposing an obligation of any kind to be fulfilled by Disciplines Judges who had not been able to officiate within prescribed time periods, i.e. similar to the examples of Schedule 5A, Regulation 1.7.3 and Schedule 5M, Regulation 8.1.11 cited.</p> <p>Decision: That the KUSA Office would be empowered to exempt Disciplines Judges from any restrictive regulations relating to the frequency of judging during the months, or years, affected by COVID-19 and the resultant closure of Shows.</p> <p>The above decision has been taken by the Federal Council by email round robin on 4 February 2021 and concluded by unanimous agreement on 9 February 2021.</p> <p>For ratification only. Proposed RJ, seconded LT Ratified, unanimously.</p>
	3.2	<p>Budget Allocations 2021/2022 – Provincial Councils, Breed/Liaison Councils, Judges Education Council, National Sub-Committees</p> <p>Background: The KUSA Office traditionally called for budget requests from its empowered structures to be submitted by the end of May in any year, for the ensuing Financial Year.</p> <p>At the Fedco Budget Meeting held on 27 July 2020, it was decided that, since most National Sub-Committees had been inactive and the need for funds from Provincial Councils had been substantially diminished, budget requests from the various structures would not be solicited for the current Financial Year.</p> <p>Instead, it was decided that Provincial Councils would be granted fifty percent (50%) of their previous year's budget allocations and no budgetary provisions would be made for National Sub-Committees. Fedco further agreed to consider covering minor shortfalls experienced by any of its structures on an ad hoc basis, upon application.</p> <p>Proposal: Fedco to consider whether the KUSA Office should call for requests for budget allocations for 2021/2022 by the end of May 2021, or whether it would be prudent to provide for the same allocation as had been approved for the Financial Year 2020/2021.</p> <p>Decision: It would be advisable, on a provisional basis, to provide for the same allocation as had been provided in the previous Financial Year and that there was therefore no need to solicit requests for budget allocations from the structures concerned.</p> <p>A final decision on budget allocations would be made at the Budget Meeting at Fedco 06-2021.</p> <p>Proposed DS, seconded LT Approved, unanimously.</p>
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		KUSA Classic 2021

		<p>At Exco 01-2021, the Executive Committee considered the request of the KUSA Classic Organising Committee (KCOC) to move the KUSA Classic Show Weekend from Week 22 to Week 38, provided that Fedco's agreement would be obtained on certain concessions to be sought by the KCOC. Exco noted that the latter concessions would be fully motivated by the KCOC and tabled at this meeting, where the necessary supporting documentation would also be provided.</p> <p>Proposal: For Fedco to accept the solution brokered by the KCOC for the move from Week 22 to Week 38. With the support and assistance of the Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council, the KCOC had reached an accord with the Western Province Rottweiler Club (WPRC) on the manner in which the National Sieger Show, to be hosted by the WPRC on the same weekend, could be accommodated. The concessions sought to be approved by Fedco would be for 2021 only and comprise the following:</p>
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TO WEEK 38	SHOW	DISCIPLINE	CONCESSION REQUEST
16, 17 Sept (Thurs/Fri)	FCI-C.A.C.I.B.® Int Show (KUSA)	BR	Rottweilers would be encouraged to enter this Show.
17, 18 Sept (Fri/Sat)	KUSA Winners Show	BR	No Classes for Rottweilers would be offered at this Show.
18, 19 Sept (Sat/Sun)	KUSA Championship Show	BR	No Classes for Rottweilers would be offered at this Show.
19 Sept (Sun)	KUSA National Awards	BR	Rottweilers would not be invited to enter the KUSA Nationals, The Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show at the Western Province Rottweiler Club's National Sieger Show would be declared KUSA National Rottweiler 2021 and KUSA National Rottweiler Puppy 2021 , but the dogs would obviously not be able to compete for KUSA National Dog or KUSA National Puppy.

		<p>Discussion ensued on the possible impact of Rottweilers being eligible to be exhibited at the FCI-C.A.C.I.B.® International (Africa) Show, but ineligible for exhibition at the KUSA Winners Show, KUSA Championship Show or the KUSA Nationals. The awarding of the National Rottweiler 2021 and National Rottweiler Puppy 2021, even for one year only, to the winners of the National Sieger Show, might also prove a controversial decision.</p> <p>It was felt that a joint statement by KUSA and the Cape Rottweiler Club, recognising the importance of each other's events and encouraging support for the compromise, might go a long way towards mitigating the agreed compromise. It also had to be borne in mind that the KCOC was seeking the approval of a contingency proposal at this stage, since there was no guarantee either the KUSA Classic or the National Rottweiler Sieger Show would be going ahead in September 2021.</p> <p>At this point, RJ informed Fedco that the Sasolburg Kennel Club Committee had been vacillating for some time about whether, or not, to hold the Club's annual Championship Show on Week 39 (one week later than the proposed new date of the KUSA Classic). As Chairman of Sasolburg Kennel Club, RJ was prepared to give the KCOC a firm commitment that his Club would be in agreement to vacate the Week 39 weekend in 2021 which, fortuitously, also happened to be a long weekend (Heritage Day on Friday, 24 September 2021).</p> <p>JH & GR thanked RJ for his Club's generous offer which, obviously, put an entirely different complexion on the rescheduling of the KUSA Classic 2021. JH undertook, on behalf of the KCOC to contact Clubs holding shows over the weekend of Week 39. A cursory glance at Events taking place nationally over the weekend of Week 39, revealed that it was a major Disciplines weekend in KwaZulu-Natal. After discussion, this was not deemed to be an insurmountable problem, since the KUSA Classic Disciplines could still go ahead on the earlier date (Week 38), with Week 39 reserved for Breed.</p>
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	3.3.2	<p>KUSA Showdog of the Year</p> <p>Fedco was reminded that, as notified in 2020, the end-date of the above Competition would be the last day of the 2021 KUSA Classic Weekend and the winner would be declared the 2020 & 2021 KUSA Showdog of the Year.</p> <p>Therefore, if the 2021 KUSA Classic in September were to go ahead on either Week 39 or Week 38, the KUSA Showdog of the Year would end with the last show of that weekend, and no changes would be required.</p> <p>However, should the KUSA Classic 2021 be cancelled, Fedco would need to decide on an end-date.</p> <p>Decision: Depending on circumstances, resolution would need to be sought from Fedco by round robin.</p> <p>Proposed CI, seconded RJ Approved, unanimously.</p>
	3.4	<p>KUSA Judges' Education Council</p>
	3.4.1	<p>Temporary waiver of Regulation to assist Learner Judges in the Eastern Cape to be assessed at Non-Championship Shows held in the province.</p> <p>Applicable Regulation 2.3.3.8: <i>A minimum of three (3) judging appointments must be observed by an Assessor assigned to the Learner Judge by the Assessment Officer, which appointments may only take place in the metropolises within Gauteng, Western Cape, or KwaZulu-Natal.</i></p> <p>Problem to be solved: Judges based in the Eastern Cape have been experiencing difficulty in securing appointments for assessment in the metropolises of Gauteng, Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal during the various levels of lockdown. Over the upcoming Easter Weekend (2 – 5 April 2021) some Clubs in Port Elizabeth have organised Non-Championship Shows in order to give Port Elizabeth-based Learner Judges the opportunity to gain judging experience in their province of residence. They have secured the services of a qualified Assessor from Gauteng to not only assist with the judging, but also to be on hand to assess the two Learner Judges who will be officiating, as fully explained in the attached documentation.</p> <p>Proposal: Temporary waiver of Schedule 10, Appendix 1 - Group Course, Regulation 2.3.3.8, to enable the assessment of Learner Judges within the provinces of Eastern Cape & Border and Free State & Northern Cape, should an opportunity arise, for as long as COVID-19 lockdowns at any level persist under the National State of Disaster.</p> <p>Decision:</p>

			<p>The Proposal carried, inclusive of the amendment as indicated in red above.</p> <p>Proposed RJ, seconded DS Approved, unanimously.</p>
		3.4.2	<p>Feedback from the Chairman of the JEC on the Resources Officer's portfolio.</p> <p>GR, Chairman of the JEC, briefed Fedco as follows:</p> <p>At a meeting of the Members of the JEC in January 2021, it was decided not to proceed with action to fill the position of the Resources Officer immediately, but rather to delegate the Key Functions of this position to a Sub-Committee, as contemplated in Clause 5.1.1.4 of the JEC Constitution.</p> <p>The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were charged with recruiting persons to serve on such a Sub-Committee and the following had advised their availability to perform the required Key Functions as indicated:</p> <p>Jenny Hubbard (JEC Vice-Chairman) – Fedco Liaison Louis Kruger - Webinar/Seminar & IT Coordinator and Programme Planner Sally Young – Secretarial Administration Colleen Patience – Financial Administration</p> <p>Mr Kruger and JH have started devising the Webinar Programme, which was expected to follow the format of a Group per month, 3 Breeds per Group, staggered throughout the month. Experience had taught that a Seminar session, inclusive of questions, should not exceed ninety (90) minutes and it was anticipated that such timeframe would be achievable by confining the Webinar to one Breed per session.</p> <p>The Webinar Programme was likely to commence in April through to October 2021, and Mr Kruger and JH were in the process of sourcing presenters. Details of the planned Seminars would be circulated to Fedco as soon as the Programme has been finalised.</p> <p>Fedco noted and welcomed the appointment of the Resources Sub-Committee members and wished the JEC well in its future educational endeavours.</p>
4			<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Councillors and the KUSA General Manager for their time and effort. She also thanked KF for organising and hosting this Skype Meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 18h56.</p>

Kyle Farmer
Secretary